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**IMAGE OBSERVATION APPARATUS AND IMAGE DISPLAY APPARATUS**

the specification of which (CHECK applicable BOX(ES))

&gt; [ ] is attached hereto.

> [X] was filed on June 3, 1997 as U.S. Application No. 0 / \_\_\_\_\_

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 I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above. I acknowledge the duty to disclose all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. 1.56. I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C.119/365 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate filed by me or my assignees disclosing the subject matter claimed in this application and having a filing date (1) before that of the application on which priority is claimed, or (2) if no priority claimed, before the filing date of this application:

PRIOR FOREIGN APPLICATION(S)	Date first Laid-open or Published	Date Patented or Granted	Priority Claimed	
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I hereby claim domestic priority benefit under 35 U.S.C.120/365 of the indicated United States applications listed below and PCT international applications listed above or below and, if this is a continuation-in-part (CIP) application, insofar as the subject matter disclosed and claimed in this application is in addition to that disclosed in such prior applications, I acknowledge the duty to disclose all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. 1.56 which became available between the filing date of each such prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

PRIOR U.S. PROVISIONAL, NONPROVISIONAL AND/OR PCT APPLICATION(S)	Status	Priority Claimed		
Application No. (series code/serial no.)	Day/Month/Year Filed	pending, abandoned, patented	Yes	No

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